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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The shortened statutory time for responding to the July 15, 2003 Office Action expired on October 15, 2002. Accordingly, a petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith. With this extension, this response is timely filed upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing on or before January 18, 2005, as January 15-17, 2005 fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal Holiday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7 and 1.8.